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FEB 24 POLITIKA, P.4 CARRIES REPORT BY MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT, RISTO BAJALSKI, ON "END OF SOLZHENITSYN CASE," QUOTING HOSTILE VIEWS OTHER SOVIET WRITERS E.G., VALENTIN KATAJEV: "SOLZHENITSYN'S DEATH AS CITIZEN IS LEGAL AND JUSTIFIED;" BORIS POLJEVOJ: "BY HIS ACTIVE ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITY, SOLZHENITSYN ALONE EXCLUDED HIMSELF FROM THE COMPACT FAMILY OF SOVIET PEOPLE." SURPRISING EXCEPTION, ACCORDING WRITER, WAS POET YEVTUSHENKO'S NEGATIVE REACTION TO SOLZHENITSYN'S EXPULSION."

PUBLICITY IN WEST ON YEVTUSHENKO CABLE TO SEC GEN CC CPSU CRITIZING EXPULSION AND AT SAME TIME DISAGREEING WITH VIEWS OF SOLZHENITSYN "RECEIVED UNPLEASANT DIMENSION" IN SOVIET UNION, WRITER SAYS. "UNPLEASANT" YEVTUSHENKO REMARK WAS THAT SOVIET YOUTH WAS UNINFORMED ABOUT VICTIMS OF STALIN TERROR. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT SOLZHENITSYN CASE IS OVER DUE TO EXPULSION, WHICH WILL SEE GRADUAL REDUCTION OF INFLUENCE OF HIS WRITINGS AND HENCE, LESSENING OF SOLZHENITSYN AS "INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM" FOR SOVIET UNION.

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